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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In its resolution 2003/31, entitled "Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage the bureau to play an active role in the preparation of the regular session as well as the informal intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme. It also decided that the Chair of the Commission should, whenever appropriate, invite the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union to participate in the meetings of the bureau.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-second session, on 13 December 2013, opened its twenty-third session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-third session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

The office of third Vice-Chair remained vacant. The Commission is expected to elect the third Vice-Chair during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

Office	*Region*	*Officer*
Chair	Eastern European States	Vladimir Galuška (Czech Republic)
First Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico)
Second Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Christine Stix-Hackl (Austria)
Third Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	[to be elected]
Rapporteur	African States	Jeannette Mwangi (Kenya)

A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union has been established to assist the Chair of the Commission and to participate in the meetings of the bureau, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2013/247, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twenty-second session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-third session of the Commission.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work for the twenty-third session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-second meeting, the twenty-third session of the Commission will be held from 12 to 16 May 2014, with pre-session consultations to be held on 9 May 2014, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible in order to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. The firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-third session of the Commission is Monday, 14 April 2014, at noon, four weeks prior to the commencement of the session, in accordance with Commission decision 21/1, as reaffirmed in decision 22/2. Draft resolutions should be accompanied by such information as the intended scope, a proposed timetable for implementation, identification of resources available and other relevant information.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-second session, a workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network will be held in the afternoon of the first day of the twenty-third session, as was done in previous years, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals and under the chairmanship of a member of the bureau. The workshop will focus on the theme of the thematic discussion, which is entitled "International cooperation on criminal matters", and will cover the contribution and support that the members of the United Nations crime prevention

and criminal justice programme network could offer Member States in that area of work.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened twenty-third session back to back with the reconvened fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on 4 and 5 December 2014.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.15/2014/1)

3. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

(a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

For its consideration of item 3, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2), which contains an overview of the activities conducted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) during 2013 with respect to, inter alia, regional cooperation initiatives; countering transnational organized crime, corruption and terrorism; criminal justice; research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support; and the strengthening of the Office.

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2013/246, entitled "Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime", decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2015, at which time the Commission should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in the annex to Commission resolution 18/3.

At its reconvened twenty-second session, on 12 and 13 December 2013, the Commission elected Reza Najafi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Ignacio Baylina Ruíz (Spain) as co-chairs of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. At its twenty-third session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.15/2014/8-E/CN.7/2014/8).

In its resolution 61/252, the General Assembly authorized the Commission to function as a governing body of UNODC, and to approve the budget of the United

Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, which provides resources for technical assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice worldwide.

At its reconvened twenty-second session, the Commission adopted resolution 22/9, entitled "Budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund", in which it approved the projected use of general-purpose funds in the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and endorsed the programme support cost and special-purpose estimates in the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund. Also at that session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/15-E/CN.15/2013/28) and the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/16-E/CN.15/2013/29).

As was the case for the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013, the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement contained in the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 have been harmonized with the subprogrammes of programme 13 of the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6/Rev.1) and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/6 (Sect.16)), while also taking into account the expected accomplishments identified in the strategy for UNODC for the period 2012-2015, as approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2012/12.

At its twenty-third session, the Commission will have before it for its consideration a conference room paper containing a draft of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (E/CN.15/2014/CRP.4), which will be subsequently issued as A/69/6 (Prog. 13), comprising the biennial programme plan and an outline of the plan. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for international drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-fourth session. The recommendations of the Committee on the proposed biennial programme plan will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session, when it considers the Secretary-General's proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017. The Commission will also have before it the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (E/CN.7/2014/15-E/CN.15/2014/15).

In its decision 22/2, the Commission decided to request the Secretariat to seek the views of Member States on the report of the Secretariat entitled "Documentation prepared for the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" (E/CN.15/2013/13) and related documentation, as well as on its methods of work in general and to report on the views received at its next session for appropriate follow-up under agenda item 3. With a view to facilitating the preparations for item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda of the twenty-third session, the Secretariat made available conference room paper E/CN.15/2013/CRP.12, entitled "Working methods and documentation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", to the Commission at its reconvened twenty-second session. That paper will also be made available to the Commission at its twenty-third session.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2)

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/8-E/CN.15/2014/8)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (E/CN.7/2014/15-E/CN.15/2014/15)

Conference room paper on the working methods and documentation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2013/CRP.12)

4. Thematic discussion on international cooperation in criminal matters

At its reconvened twenty-second session, the Commission endorsed the suggested approach to the organization of the thematic discussion at the twenty-third session, upon the recommendation of the extended Bureau, that all topics would be discussed at both the morning and afternoon meetings and that the morning meeting would focus on taking stock of lessons learned and challenges faced, while the afternoon session would address the way forward and further action to address challenges faced, bearing in mind paragraph 21 of the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World.

The following topics were approved by the Commission:

(a) Specific modalities of international cooperation in criminal matters:

(i) Extradition and mutual legal assistance;

(ii) International cooperation for the purposes of confiscation;

(iii) Use of other forms of international cooperation in criminal matters;

(b) How to manage international cooperation in multiple legal proceedings where the same individual is involved;

(c) Implementing international instruments containing provisions on international cooperation in criminal matters;

(d) Learning from experiences at the regional level;

(e) International cooperation in combating new and emerging forms of crime;

(f) Provision of technical assistance;

(g) Addressing the gaps — the way forward.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion (E/CN.15/2014/12).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion on international cooperation in criminal matters (E/CN.15/2014/12)

5. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

(a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

In its resolution 68/193, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity", the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols.

The Assembly, also in its resolution 68/193, and the Commission, in its resolution 22/3, entitled "Renewed efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto on the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention", reiterated the need for the establishment of, inter alia, a transparent, efficient, non-intrusive, inclusive and impartial mechanism for the review of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, aimed at assisting States parties in the full and effective application of those instruments, and, bearing in mind the urgent need to improve the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, invited Member States to continue the dialogue regarding the establishment of such a mechanism, particularly in view of the holding of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in 2014.

In its resolution 22/3, the Commission also reiterated its call on Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention and its Protocols and urged States parties to fully implement those instruments. In addition, it requested UNODC to keep raising awareness of the crucial relevance of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols in countering organized crime and to continue providing legislative and technical assistance in order to promote universal adherence to and ratification of the Convention and its Protocols.

Furthermore, in that resolution, the Commission also encouraged UNODC to widely disseminate the technical assistance tools that have been development, with a view to further improving the capacity of States to implement the Convention and its Protocols, while promoting the exchange of experiences and good practices among practitioners in countering effectively transnational organized crime and in implementing the Convention and its Protocols.

Information on the implementation of those resolutions will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2014/3).

(b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

In its resolutions 68/193 and 68/195, entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption, facilitating asset recovery and returning such assets to legitimate owners, in particular to countries of origin, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption", the General

Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption as a matter of priority. In its resolution 68/193, the Assembly urged Member States to strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation to enable the return of assets illicitly acquired from corruption to the countries of origin, upon their request, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention against Corruption for asset recovery, in particular chapter V, and requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue providing assistance to bilateral, regional and international efforts for that purpose. The Assembly also urged Member States to combat and penalize corruption, as well as the laundering of its proceeds. Furthermore, the Assembly called upon States parties to the Convention to give particular and timely consideration to the execution of requests for international mutual legal assistance and to ensure that the competent authorities of the requesting States had adequate resources to execute the requests, taking into account the particular importance of the recovery of the assets for sustainable development and stability. The Assembly also urged States parties to the Convention to continue to provide full support to the review mechanism adopted by the Conference of the States parties to the Convention.

In its resolution 68/195, the Assembly urged all States parties to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Convention and encouraged them to give full effect to the resolutions of the Conference of States Parties. Furthermore, the Assembly noted with appreciation the work carried out under the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention and by the Implementation Review Group and urged Member States to continue to support that work and encouraged the use of the lessons learned during the first review cycle in order to improve the implementation of the Convention.

Also in that resolution, the Assembly renewed the commitment of all States parties to the Convention to contribute effectively to the recovery of the proceeds of corruption, urged Member States to combat and penalize corruption in all its forms and the laundering of proceeds of corruption and called for further international cooperation, inter alia, through the United Nations system, in support of national, subregional and regional efforts to prevent and combat corrupt practices and the transfer and laundering of proceeds of corruption.

The Assembly also welcomed the holding of the fifth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention in Panama City from 25 to 29 November 2013. At that session, the Conference adopted, inter alia, resolutions on the role of the private sector, on the contribution of young people and children in preventing corruption and on facilitating international cooperation, in asset recovery, as well as a decision on the Implementation Review Mechanism.

Information on the implementation of those mandates will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2014/3).

(c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism

In its resolution 68/119, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", the General Assembly requested the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC to

continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism, and recognized, in the context of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), its role in assisting States in becoming parties to and implementing the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, including the most recent among them, and in strengthening international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building. Also in that resolution, the Assembly called upon all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and called upon all States to adopt further measures to prevent terrorism and to strengthen international cooperation in combating terrorism.

In its resolution 68/187, entitled "Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism", the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the existing international conventions and protocols related to terrorism and called upon UNODC to continue to strengthen the provision of technical assistance to Member States, upon request and within its mandate, on effective measures, based on the rule of law, for criminal justice responses addressing the prevention of terrorism.

In its resolution 68/193, the Assembly reiterated its request to UNODC to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism through the facilitation of the ratification and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, in close consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and its Executive Directorate, as well as to continue to contribute to the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

Information on the implementation of those resolutions will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2014/4).

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

In its resolution 2013/41, entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons", the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, requested UNODC to continue integrating the Global Plan of Action into its programmes and activities, encouraged Member States to provide evidence-based data on patterns, forms and flows of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs, and requested UNODC to gather and include such data in future editions of the global report on trafficking in persons and to include cases of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs in the human trafficking case law database. The Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its twenty-third session on the implementation of the resolution. Since no extrabudgetary resources were made available to the Secretariat for that purpose, a report on the implementation of the resolution for the consideration of the Commission under this agenda item has not been prepared.

In its resolution 68/192, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons", the General Assembly urged Member States and other stakeholders mentioned in the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, and invited the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, within their respective mandates, to continue to contribute to the full and effective implementation of the Global Plan of Action, including by means of strengthening cooperation and improving coordination among themselves in achieving that goal.

Also in that resolution, the Assembly invited the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, pursuant to the Organized Crime Convention, to consider the need for meetings of representatives of national coordinating mechanisms on combating trafficking in persons, with a view to facilitating, inter alia, better international coordination and information exchange on good practices to address the problem of trafficking in persons.

(e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, under the guidance of the Commission (as the successor to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/1), shall undertake relevant activities, including formulating principles, policies and guidelines for the activities of the Institute and reporting periodically to the Council through the Commission. A note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2014/18).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2014/13).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2014/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2014/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2014/13)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (E/CN.15/2014/18)

6. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

In section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda a standing item on existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application.

In its resolution 2003/30, the Council decided to group those United Nations standards and norms into categories for the purpose of targeted collection of information and requested UNODC, in collaboration with the institutes comprising the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to provide support to Member States requesting assistance with the use and application of those United Nations standards and norms.

In its resolution 68/193, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to take relevant measures, as appropriate to their national contexts, to ensure the diffusion, use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, including the consideration and, where they deemed it necessary, dissemination of existing manuals and handbooks developed and published by UNODC.

In its resolution 67/187, entitled "United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems", the General Assembly invited Member States, consistent with their national legislation, to adopt and strengthen measures to ensure that effective legal aid was provided, in accordance with the spirit of the Principles and Guidelines. The Assembly also requested UNODC, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to make the Principles and Guidelines widely available and to continue to provide advisory services and technical assistance to Member States, upon request, in the area of criminal justice reform, including restorative justice, alternatives to imprisonment and the development of integrated plans for the provision of legal aid. Information on the implementation of the resolution will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2014/11).

In its resolution 68/189, entitled "Model strategies and practical measures on the elimination of violence against children in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice", the General Assembly invited the Commission and the Human Rights Council, as well as UNODC, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Children's Fund, to closely coordinate their activities relating to child rights in the administration of justice and the prevention of and responses to violence against children in the criminal justice system, in cooperation with the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Assembly requested UNODC to convene a meeting of an open-ended intergovernmental expert group, in collaboration with all relevant United Nations entities, to develop a draft set of model strategies and practical measures on the elimination of violence against children in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, to be considered by the Commission at its session following the meeting of the expert group. The meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group was held from 18 to 21 February 2014 in Bangkok and the

Commission will have before it for consideration a report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the meeting (E/CN.15/2014/14).

In its resolution 68/190, entitled "Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners", the General Assembly decided to extend the mandate of the Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the required services and support were provided for that purpose. At the time of the preparation of the present document, the meeting of the Expert Group was in the process of being scheduled. Should it be held in time, the report on its meeting will be made available to the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2014/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group to develop a draft set of model strategies and practical measures on the elimination of violence against children in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2014/14)

7. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

Understanding and knowledge of crime trends and criminal justice indicators support effective policy formulation, operational response and impact assessment in the area of crime prevention. Regular international data-collection activities on crime trends and criminal justice and relevant analysis are mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/152 and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 1984/48, 1990/18, 1996/11 and 1997/27.

In its resolution 68/193, the Assembly invited Member States, and requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue strengthening the regular collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable and comparable data and information, including, as appropriate, data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant criteria, and strongly encouraged Member States to share such data and information with UNODC. The Assembly also requested UNODC to continue developing, in close cooperation with Member States, technical and methodological tools and trend analyses and studies to enhance knowledge on crime trends and support Member States in designing appropriate responses in specific areas of crime, in particular in their transnational dimension. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2014/5).

In its resolution 2012/18, entitled "Improving the quality and availability of statistics on crime and criminal justice for policy development", the Economic and Social Council invited Member States to encourage productive dialogue among national authorities responsible for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistics on crime and criminal justice, so as to enhance coordination at the national level and to ensure the use of common standards. Those Member States that had not yet done so were invited to appoint a national focal point for the submission of data on crime and criminal justice to UNODC. The Council requested UNODC to continue developing technical and methodological tools to assist countries in

producing and disseminating accurate and comparable statistics on crime and criminal justice, and to continue providing technical assistance to Member States, upon request, in order to enhance their capacity to collect, analyse and report data on crime prevention and criminal justice. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on improving the quality and availability of statistics on crime and criminal justice for policy development (E/CN.15/2014/10). That report also includes information on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/37 on the same topic.

In its resolution 2011/33, entitled "Prevention, protection and international cooperation against the use of new information technologies to abuse and/or exploit children", the Economic and Social Council requested UNODC to carry out a study facilitating the identification, description and evaluation of the effects of new information technologies on the abuse and exploitation of children, while taking into account relevant studies carried out by regional organizations and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to promoting the exchange of experience and good practices. The Council also requested UNODC to design and carry out an assessment of the needs of States for training in the investigation of offences against children committed by using new information and communications technologies and, on the basis of the results of that survey, to design a training and technical assistance programme to assist Member States in combating such offences more effectively. The Commission requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its twenty-third session on the implementation of that resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution (E/CN.15/2014/7).

In its resolution 68/186, entitled "Strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to protect cultural property, especially with regard to its trafficking", the General Assembly requested UNODC, inter alia, within its mandate and in close cooperation with relevant international organizations, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), to raise awareness of the issue of trafficking in cultural property and related offences at the regional and international levels. The Assembly also requested UNODC to reconvene the expert group on protection against trafficking in cultural property for Member States to review and revise the draft guidelines for crime prevention and criminal justice responses with respect to trafficking in cultural property, with a view to finalizing and submitting them to the Commission at its twenty-third session. Information on the implementation of that resolution is contained in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2) and the note by the Secretariat transmitting the guidelines for crime prevention and criminal justice responses with respect to trafficking in cultural property and other related offences (E/CN.15/2014/16).

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2013/39, entitled "International cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of economic fraud and identity-related crime", requested UNODC to continue its efforts, in consultation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, to promote mutual understanding and the exchange of views and expertise between various stakeholders, in particular between public and private

sector entities, on issues pertaining to identity-related crime through the future work of the core group of experts on identity-related crime, including draft model legislation on identity-related crime. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of that resolution (E/CN.15/2014/17).

In its resolution 22/7, entitled "Strengthening international cooperation to combat cybercrime", the Commission requested the Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime to continue its work towards fulfilling its mandate and to report to the Commission on progress in its work. Since the required extrabudgetary resources were not made available to the Secretariat, an additional meeting of the Expert Group has not been held and a report has not been produced.

In its resolution 22/8, entitled "Promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation against cybercrime", the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to submit a report to it at its twenty-third session on the implementation of that resolution and the work of the Global Programme on Cybercrime. Since the required extrabudgetary resources were not made available to the Secretariat, a report has not been produced.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2)

Note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2014/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on prevention, protection and international cooperation against the use of new information technologies to abuse and/or exploit children (E/CN.15/2014/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on improving the quality and availability of statistics on crime and criminal justice for policy development (E/CN.15/2014/10)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of economic fraud and identity-related crime (E/CN.15/2014/17)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the guidelines for crime prevention and criminal justice responses with respect to trafficking in cultural property and other related offences (E/CN.15/2014/16)

8. Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

In its resolution 68/185, entitled "Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", the General Assembly decided to hold the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Doha, from 12 to 19 April 2015, with pre-Congress consultations to be held on 11 April 2015. The Assembly requested the

Secretary-General to finalize the discussion guide, prepared in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, in a timely manner, taking into account the recommendations of the Commission, as well as additional comments and feedback from Member States, in order to enable the regional preparatory meetings for the Thirteenth Congress to be held as early as possible in 2014. The Assembly also requested the Commission to accord sufficient time at its twenty-third session to reviewing the progress made in the preparations for the Thirteenth Congress, to finalize in a timely manner all outstanding organizational and substantive arrangements and to make its recommendations to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. Furthermore, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up to that resolution and to report thereon to the Assembly through the Commission at its twenty-third session. The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2014/6).

In its resolution 67/184, entitled "Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to facilitate the organization of the regional preparatory meetings for the Thirteenth Congress, urged participants in those meetings to examine the substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Thirteenth Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations to serve as a basis for the draft recommendations and conclusions for consideration by the Congress.

The Asia and Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting was held in Bangkok from 22 to 24 January 2014; the Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting was held in Doha from 3 to 5 February 2014; and the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting was held in San José from 19 to 21 February 2014. At the time of the submission of the present document, the African Regional Preparatory Meeting was scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa from 9 to 11 April 2014. The reports on those meetings will be made available to the Commission.

Rule 63 of the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice provides as follows:

> After the completion of each Congress, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice shall make appropriate recommendations to the Economic and Social Council for such amendments to the present rules as it may deem necessary.

The rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice will be made available to the Commission at its twenty-third session. In the absence of any amendments, the Thirteenth Congress will be conducted in accordance with the current rules of procedure, supplemented by the guidelines contained in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 56/119.

In its resolution 68/185, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a plan for the documentation for the Thirteenth Congress, in consultation with the extended Bureau of the Commission. At its 6th meeting, held on 4 October 2013,

the extended Bureau of the Commission at its twenty-second session considered the provisional documentation forecast for the Thirteenth Congress, prepared by the Secretariat. The Commission will have before it an overview of the ongoing and future preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as contained in document E/CN.15/2014/6.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2014/6)

Note by the Secretariat on the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2014/9)

Discussion guide for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/CONF.222/PM.1)

Report of the Asia and Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/CONF.222/RPM.1/1)

Report of the Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/CONF.222/RPM.2/1)

Report of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/CONF.222/RPM.3/1)

Report of the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/CONF.222/RPM.4/1)

9. Provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twenty-fourth session. With respect to the duration of the session and the submission of draft resolutions, the Commission should review the experience gained thus far and is invited to consider its programme of work in relation to the duration of its subsequent sessions, as well as the appropriateness of recent practice with respect to the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions. The Commission should also devote attention to the selection of the themes for the thematic discussion at its subsequent sessions and should consider making more definite arrangements regarding the duration of its future sessions.

10. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 10 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-third session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-third session on 16 May 2014, the last day of the session.

In its decision 2011/257, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should make efforts to reduce the length of its annual reports, bearing in mind the need for such reports to include resolutions and decisions adopted or transmitted by the Commission at its sessions, as well as briefer summaries of its deliberations under each agenda item, focusing in particular on policy findings and conclusions reached. The Commission reaffirmed that commitment in its decisions 21/1 and 22/2.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. In its decision 1997/232, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in addition to plenary meetings, should be provided with full interpretation services for a total of 12 meetings for informal consultations on draft proposals and for meetings of open-ended working groups, with the precise allocation of time for the different types of meetings to be determined by the Commission under the agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work", on the understanding that no more than two meetings would be held concurrently, in order to ensure maximum participation of delegations.

2. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 12 May, to the morning of Friday, 16 May 2014. A workshop on the theme of the thematic discussion (international cooperation in criminal matters), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 12 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals and under the chairmanship of a member of the Bureau.

3. The Commission, at its reconvened twenty-second session, decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 9 May 2014. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of draft resolutions to be considered at the twenty-third session of the Commission, made available in advance, as well as the sub-themes of the thematic discussion of the twenty-fourth session, the theme and sub-themes of subsequent sessions, the duration of the twenty-fourth session and other matters.

4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. The firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is noon on Monday, 14 April 2014, in accordance with Commission decision 21/1. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-third session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after that date. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.

Informal pre-session consultations, 9 May 2014

Date and time	
Friday, 9 May	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3-6 p.m.	Informal consultations

Twenty-third session, 12-16 May 2014

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
Monday, 12 May		
10-11 a.m.	Opening of the session *Item 1.* Election of officers *Item 2.* Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 3.* Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (c) Working methods of the Commission	
3-6 p.m.	*Item 3.* Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (*continued*)	Workshop on international cooperation in criminal matters
Tuesday, 13 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 4.* Thematic discussion on international cooperation in criminal matters Morning meeting — taking stock of lessons learned and challenges faced (a) Specific modalities of international cooperation in criminal matters (i) Extradition and mutual legal assistance (ii) International cooperation for the purposes of confiscation (iii)Use of other forms of international cooperation in criminal matters (b) How to manage international cooperation in multiple legal proceedings where the same individual is involved (c) Implementing international instruments containing provisions on international cooperation in criminal matters (d) Learning from experiences at the regional level (e) International cooperation in combating new and emerging forms of crime (f) Provision of technical assistance (g) Addressing the gaps — the way forward	Consideration of draft resolutions

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
3-6 p.m.	*Item 4.* Thematic discussion on international cooperation in criminal matters (*continued*) Afternoon meeting — the way forward and further action to address challenges faced, bearing in mind paragraph 21 of the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World (*topics (a) to (g) continued*)	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
Wednesday, 14 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 5.* Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism (d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters (e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
3-6 p.m.	*Item 5.* Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (*continued*)	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
Thursday, 15 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 6.* Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
3-6 p.m.	*Item 7.* World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice *Item 8.* Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
Friday, 16 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 8.* Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (*continued*)	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
	Item 9. Provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission	
3-6 p.m.	*Item 10.* Other business	
	Item 11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-third session	